

# LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2011

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A planning application has been submitted to Calderdale by Mr. B Dyson to cut down some trees on land at the rear of the Methodist Chapel. The deadline for comments to Calderdale is November 25th

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON BY FATHER CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 5pm on December 3<sup>rd</sup> by Father Christmas, who will arrive in his horse-pulled carriage in the centre of the village. Afterwards, he will be present in the Church to see children, and punch and mince pies will be available for grown-ups. The Conservation Society have arranged this as a thank you to all those people from the village who took some part in helping to win the Britain in Bloom competition, either by putting planters or window boxes outside their home, or in all the other ways in which people helped. Even if you were not able to help, please come along and bring children or grandchildren to the event. There will be no charge for the punch and mince pies, but a small charge of 50p per child to see Father Christmas, to help towards the cost of the gift which will be given to each of the children that he sees. We are hoping to make this an annual event, so come along then, to give him a big welcome when he drops into Luddenden!

### CHRISTMAS WALK

This year's Christmas Treasure Hunt walk will take place at 11am on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. As usual, it will start from the Methodist Church between 11am and 11.15am. For newcomers to the village, this has now become a village tradition. It consists of a walk of between 2 and 3 miles in the immediate neighbourhood, and there will be clues to about 30 or so questions which you will have to find the answers to on the way round. Normally, around 100 or so people come out on the walk, and it is also an excellent way of getting to know people. Because of the closure of the Methodist Church this year, it will now end at St. Mary's Church, where there will again be pie or pasties and peas, and plenty of home-made cakes or buns. It is always an excellent way of walking off some of the Christmas puddings, and the route as usual will be suitable for pushchairs, although it is advisable to wear some stout shoes or boots.

### NON-CONFORMIST CHAPELS OF THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY

Following the closure of the last chapel in the valley earlier this year, Rodney Collinge has produced a booklet describing all the seven chapels that used to be present. This has obtained very good reviews, and will be of interest to all those people wishing to discover some of the local history of the valley. It can be obtained by phoning him on 885141, for £7. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Walk, along with old photographs of the village, and these make an excellent Christmas present for that person for whom you don't know what to buy.

**NEXT MEETING** will be at **St. Mary's Church** at **8pm** on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Luddenden Conservation Society

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